

a political tool that pit Americans against Americans and say to them, You don't have to worry about your car payment, your utility bill, or your rent or house payment because sooner or later, the Federal Government is going to cover that.

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We're going to take from those who produce more, and we are going to give it to people who produce less. It's a matter of a political tool that says you are not really entitled to what you earn but you are entitled to what you claim you need.

And so this statement was made this morning by Star Parker, who is a wonderful, wonderful American citizen. She said the policy, as exists now in America, is that if somebody has something that you want, you go hire politicians to take it from them and give it to you. That's what's going on in America today, this America that was a meritocracy, an America that when my grandmother came here from Germany a little over 100 years ago, people stood on their own two feet, provided for themselves, and reached out and helped others. Where my father and his family were raised off of the coins in the cookie jar, today it's the coins of those who are working being passed over to those who don't, Mr. Speaker.

We cannot be the most successful Nation in the history of the world if we do not refurbish the pillars of American exceptionalism. If we don't reestablish the merits of our free enterprise capitalistic system, if we don't refurbish the property rights that are there, if we fail to refurbish the rights that come from God, that are conferred through our Declaration and reiterated by our Founding Fathers, that these rights come from God and that they're natural rights and it falls under natural law, if we fail to refurbish the pillars of American exceptionalism, we have seen the apex of our civilization.

The charge is on all of us. The charge is on Democrats to wake up to this fact, and the charge is on Republicans to wake America up to this fact. And I am committed to this cause, as are my colleagues here in the House of Representatives, including the judge from Texas and the doctor from Georgia.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of son's high school graduation.

Mrs. BACHMANN (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and the balance of the week on account of the passing of her father-in-law.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. KAPTUR) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. QUIGLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MORAN of Kansas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, today and May 21.

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today and May 21.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCCOTTER, for 5 minutes, today and May 21.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 131. An act to establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission.

H.R. 627. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 896.—An act to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 21, 2009, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1910. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Carbofuran; Final Tolerance Revocations [EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0162; FRL-8413-3] received May 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1911. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Mgmt. Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — New Drug Applications and Abbreviated New Drug Applications; Technical Amendment [Docket No.: FDA-2009-N-0099] received May 4, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1912. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Mgmt. Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting

the Department's final rule — Astringent Drug Products That Produce Aluminum Acetate; Skin Protectant Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Technical Amendment [[Docket No.: FDA-1978N-0007] (Formerly Docket No.: 78N-021A)] (RIN: 0910-AF42) received May 4, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1913. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Mgmt. Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Vitamin D2 [Docket No.: FDA-2007-F-0274] (formerly Docket No. 2007F-0355) received May 4, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1914. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Mgmt. Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Silver Nitrate and Hydrogen Peroxide [Docket No.: FDA-2005-F-0505] (formerly Docket No.: 2005F-0138) received May 4, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1915. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Jersey Reasonable Further Progress Plans, Reasonably Available Control Technology, Reasonably Available Control Measures and Conformity Budgets [EPA-R02-OAR-2008-0497, FRL-8905-7] received May 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1916. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Delegation of New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the States of Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada [EPA-R09-OAR-2008-0860; FRL-8905-8] received May 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1917. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (Bryan, Texas) [MB Docket No.: 09-34 RM-11522] received May 4, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1918. A letter from the General Counsel, Fed. Energy Regulatory Comm., Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Modification of Interchange and Transmission Loading Relief Reliability Standards; and Electric Reliability Organization Interpretation of Specific Requirements of Four Reliability Standards [Docket Nos.: RM08-7-000 and RM08-7-001; Order No.: 713-A] received May 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1919. A letter from the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, transmitting the 2008 management reports and statements on the system of internal controls of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1920. A letter from the Director, Department of Justice, National Drug Intelligence Center, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "National Gang Threat Assessment 2009 (NGTA 2009)"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.